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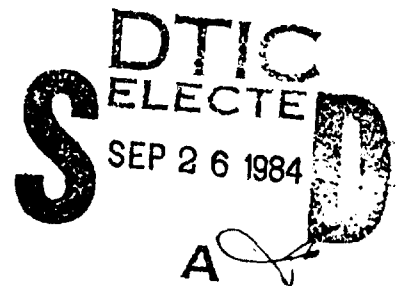
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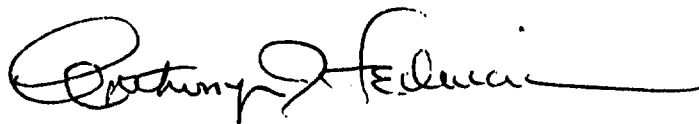
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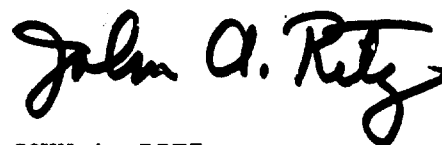
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## BALLPARK RELIABILITY ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES

### I. INTRODUCTION

In the preliminary phases of a design when detailed information about individual components making up a system is unavailable, a method for obtaining a general estimate of reliability magnitude would be both helpful and desirable as a prelude to the more detailed Parts Count Prediction Technique performed in accordance with MIL-HDBK-217. Such an estimate has the capability to provide visibility as to whether or not the contemplated design makeup has the potential of meeting end item reliability requirements early in the design cycle and can also provide necessary inputs to the reliability allocation process at that time.

The purpose of this study is to examine the feasibility of developing a "ballpark" failure rate prediction technique based on (1) environment and average stress factors for each common part type and ultimately, (2) average failure rate per part. These average factors would be determined from data provided by six different electronic equipment reliability predictions performed using the RADC Computer Software Package ORACLE which automates the performance of a detailed failure rate prediction in accordance with MIL-HDBK-217. Ref. is made to MIL-HDBK-217D which defines the basic failure rate equations used in this study and to Appendix A of this report which defines the part type codes used as identifiers in various tables in the report.

### II. FAILURE RATE RESULTS

Six arbitrary electronic communications equipments were utilized as prediction vehicles with the following specifications:

<u>SYSTEM</u>	<u>NO. OF PARTS</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>	<u>AMBIENT TEMPERATURE</u>
A	1308	Ground Fixed	51°C
B	1376	Naval Sheltered	40°C
C	320	Ground Mobile	52°C
D	1579	Naval Sheltered	40°C
E	5721	Airborne Uninhabited Flight	68°C
F	844	Ground Fixed	40°C

Failure rate data for the six systems were collected and analyzed\* according to part type as follows:

a. Capacitors

The basic failure rate as described in MIL-HDBK-217 is given by:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\pi_E \times \pi_{CV} \times \pi_{SR} \times \pi_Q)$$

where

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/10<sup>6</sup> hours)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\pi_{CV}$  = capacitance factor

$\pi_{SR}$  = series resistance factor

$\pi_Q$  = quality factor

\*Ref. Appendix B for a detailed breakdown of component part types and their associated failure rates for each of the six electronic systems analyzed.

Isolating the environment factor ( $\Pi_E$ ) yields:

$$\lambda_p = \Pi_E (\lambda_b \times \Pi_{CV} \times \Pi_{SR} \times \Pi_Q)$$

defining

$$C = (\lambda_b \times \Pi_{CV} \times \Pi_{SR} \times \Pi_Q)$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = \Pi_E C$$

Utilizing the data from the six prediction vehicles, an average "C" value for each of 2,594 capacitors was calculated. Averaging all of the "C" values yielded:

$$C_{av} = .0026$$

Using  $C_{av}$  as an estimator of C in the above formula:

$$\lambda_p = .0026 \Pi_E$$

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Also, since  $\Pi_E$  factors vary according to capacitor style, the following table shows the average value over all capacitor styles for each environment and should be used in the above formula:

ENVIRONMENT*	$\pi_E$
$G_B$	1
$S_F$	1
$G_F$	2.5
$N_{SB}$	5.5
$N_S$	6.4
$A_{IT}$	5.7
$M_P$	11.8
$M_{FF}$	11.5
$M_{FA}$	15.9
$G_M$	9.2
$N_H$	17.8
$N_{UU}$	19.1
$A_{UT}$	19.9
$N_U$	15.1
$A_{IF}$	11.4
$A_{RW}$	25.6
$U_{SL}$	33.4
$A_{UF}$	39.9
$M_L$	38.3
$C_L$	66.8

\*See MIL-HDBK-217D for definition of each environmental factor.



b. Resistors

The basic formula for resistors is:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\pi_E \times \pi_R \times \pi_Q)$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs)

$\pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\pi_R$  = resistance factor

$\pi_Q$  = quality factor

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

Isolating  $\pi_E$  and defining  $R = \lambda_b \times \pi_R \times \pi_Q$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = \pi_E R$$

Utilizing the data from the six prediction vehicles, an average "R" value for each of 2,563 resistors was found. Averaging all of the "R" values yields:

$$R_{av} = .004$$

Using  $R_{av}$  as an estimator of R in the above equation:

$$\lambda_p = .004 \pi_E$$

Since the  $\pi_E$  factors vary according to resistor style, the following table shows the average value over all resistor styles for each environment. These  $\pi_E$  factors should be used in the above formula.

ENVIRONMENT	$\pi_E$
$G_B$	1.0
$S_F$	1.0
$G_F$	2.4
$N_{SB}$	5.8
$N_S$	6.0
$A_{IT}$	4.4
$M_P$	14.4
$M_{FF}$	13.8
$M_{FA}$	19.5
$G_M$	10.8
$N_H$	22.1
$N_{UU}$	23.6
$A_{UT}$	11.9
$N_U$	14.7
$A_{IF}$	8.9
$A_{RW}$	28.1
$U_{SL}$	37.4
$A_{UF}$	23.6
$M_L$	47.2
$C_L$	797.5

c. The basic model for discrete semiconductors is:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\pi_E \times \pi_A \times \pi_Q \times \pi_R \times \pi_{S2} \times \pi_C)$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\pi_A$  = application factor

$\pi_Q$  = quality factor

$\pi_R$  = power rating factor

$\pi_{S2}$  = stress factor

$\pi_C$  = construction factor

Isolating the  $\pi_E$  and defining

$$D = \lambda_b \times \pi_A \times \pi_Q \times \pi_R \times \pi_{S2} \times \pi_C$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = \pi_E D$$

(1) Diodes

Utilizing the data from the six prediction vehicles containing 748 general purpose and zener diodes yielded an average "D" value of:

$$D_{av} \text{ (diodes)} = .0016$$

Using  $D_{av}$  (diode) as an estimator of D in the above formula:

$$\lambda_p = .0016 \pi_E$$

If the particular type of diode is known (i.e., general purpose, zener, etc.), use the specific  $\Pi_E$  factor for that style. Otherwise, use the  $\Pi_E$  factor for Group IV General Purpose diodes. (Ref. Table 5.1.3.4-1 of MIL-HDBK-217D)

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(2) Transistors

Utilizing the data from the six prediction vehicles containing 152 transistors yielded:

$$D_{av} (\text{transistor}) = .008$$

Using  $D_{av}$  (transistor) as an estimator for  $D$  in the above formula:

$$\lambda_p = .008 \Pi_E$$

If the specific type of transistor is known, use the  $\Pi_E$  factor for the particular part. Otherwise, use the  $\Pi_E$  factor for Group I transistors. (Ref. Table 5.1.3.1-1 of MIL-HDBK-217D)

d. Relays

The general failure rate model given in MIL-HDBK-217D is:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\Pi_E \times \Pi_C \times \Pi_{CYC} \times \Pi_F \times \Pi_Q)$$

where:

$$\lambda_p = \text{failure rate (failures/10}^6 \text{ hrs)}$$

$$\lambda_b = \text{base failure rate}$$

$$\Pi_E = \text{environment factor}$$

$$\Pi_C = \text{contact form factor}$$

$\Pi_{CYC}$  = cycling factor

$\Pi_F$  = failure rate factor (application & construction)

$\Pi_Q$  = quality factor

Isolating  $\Pi_E$  and defining:

$$RY = \lambda_b \times \Pi_C \times \Pi_{CYC} \times \Pi_F \times \Pi_Q$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = RY (\Pi_E)$$

There were 44 Relays in the six prediction vehicles utilized. For each relay, an "RY" value was calculated, and an average value of RY was determined to be:

$$RY_{av} = .069$$

Using  $RY_{av}$  as an estimator of RY yields:

$$\lambda_p = .069 \Pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.10-4 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\Pi_E$  values.

#### e. Integrated Circuits

The basic formula for the failure rate ( $\lambda_p$ ) of an integrated circuit is:

$$\lambda_p = \Pi_Q (C_1 \Pi_T \Pi_V + (C_2 + C_3) \Pi_E) \Pi_L$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs)

$\Pi_Q$  = quality factor

$\Pi_T$  = temperature acceleration factor

$\Pi_V$  = voltage derating stress factor

$\Pi_E$  = application environmental factor

$\pi_L$  = device learning factor

$C_1$  &  $C_2$  = circuit complexity failure rates (based on gate count)

$C_3$  = package complexity failure rate (based on pin count)

Since the range of  $\pi_Q$  values in MIL-HDBK-217 is from .5 to 35, and is a prime contributor to the overall failure rate,  $\pi_Q$  as well as  $\pi_E$  will be isolated, and the following defined:

$$A = C_1 \pi_T \pi_V \pi_L$$

and

$$B = (C_2 + C_3) \pi_L$$

Utilizing data from the six prediction vehicles containing 1955 integrated circuits, yielded average values of "A" and "B" of

$$A_{av} = .047$$

and

$$B_{av} = .0024$$

Using  $A_{av}$  and  $B_{av}$  as estimates of A and B in the above formula yields:

$$\lambda_p = \pi_Q (.047 + .0024 \pi_E)$$

If  $\pi_Q$  is unknown, assume b-1 quality level (therefore  $\pi_Q = 3.0$ ) and the formula becomes:

$$\lambda_p = .140 + .007 \pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.2.5-3 of MIL-HDBK-217D for the  $\pi_E$  values.

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#### f. Inductors

The basic failure rate model for inductive devices in MIL-HDBK-217D is given by:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\pi_E \times \pi_Q \times \pi_C)$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs.)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\pi_Q$  = quality factor

$\pi_C$  = construction factor

Isolating  $\pi_E$  and defining:

$$I = \lambda_b \pi_Q \pi_C$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = I \pi_E$$

Due to a lack of data in the six prediction vehicles, (only putting 15 data points) a representative parts count value for "I" based on available data and engineering judgement was developed such that:

$$I = .0009$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda_p = .0009 \pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.8.2-3 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\pi_E$  values.

#### g. Connectors

The failure rate model for a mated pair of connectors is given by:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\pi_E \times \pi_p \times \pi_k)$$

where

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failure/ $10^6$  hrs.)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\Pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\Pi_p$  = failure rate multiplier

$\Pi_k$  = mating/unmating factor

For the failure rate of a single connector, divide  $\lambda_p$  by 2. Isolating the  $\Pi_E$ , and defining:

$$N = \lambda_b \times \Pi_p \times \Pi_k$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = N \Pi_E$$

Utilizing the data from the six prediction vehicles containing 103 connectors, an "N" value was calculated for each, and an average value of N was determined to be:

$$N_{AV} = .021$$

Using  $N_{AV}$  as an estimator of N yields:

$$\lambda_p = .021 \Pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.12.1-6 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\Pi_E$  values.

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#### h. Optical Devices

The part failure rate model for opto-electronic semiconductor devices is given by:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\Pi_T \times \Pi_E \times \Pi_Q)$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs.)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\Pi_T$  = temperature factor



$\Pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\Pi_Q$  = quality factor

Isolating  $\Pi_E$  and defining:

$$P = \lambda_b \times \Pi_T \times \Pi_Q$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = P \Pi_E$$

Again, due to a lack of data in the six prediction vehicles, (only 16 data points), a representative parts count value for "P", based on available data and engineering judgement, was developed such that:

$$P = .07$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda_p = .07 \Pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.3.10-1 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\Pi_E$  values.

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#### 1. Switches

The failure rate model for switches is given by:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\Pi_E \times \Pi_C \times \Pi_{CYC} \times \Pi_L)$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs.)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\Pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\Pi_C$  = contact form factor

$\Pi_{CYC}$  = cycling factor

$\Pi_L$  = stress factor

Isolating  $\Pi_E$ , and defining:

$$S = \lambda_b \times \Pi_C \times \Pi_{CYC} \times \Pi_L$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = S \Pi_E$$

Six switches were contained in the prediction vehicles. Despite the apparent lack of data, the value of "S" as follows seems reasonable and, is, therefore utilized. The value of "S" was calculated for each switch and an average value of S was determined to be:

$$S_{AV} = .006$$

Using  $S_{av}$  as an estimator for S in the above equation,

$$\lambda_p = .006 \Pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.11-4 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\Pi_E$  values.

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#### j. Miscellaneous Parts

Miscellaneous Parts include vibrators, quartz crystals, fuses, lamps, fiber optic cables and connectors, meters, circuit breakers, and microwave elements. The prediction vehicles contained quartz crystals, fuses, lamps, and circuit breakers. These are all assigned the fixed failure rates in accordance with Table 5.1.15-1 of MIL-HDBK-217D.

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#### k. Connections

Connections include wirewrap (ww-); solder (reflow lap to board) (csr); solder, wave to board (csw); hand solder (hsc); crimp (cmp); and weld (wld).

The basic failure rate model for connections is:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\Pi_E \times \Pi_T \times \Pi_Q)$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs.)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\Pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\Pi_T$  = tool type factor

$\Pi_Q$  = quality factor

The majority of the connections contained in the six prediction vehicles were csw (wave to board) type. Since there is such a vast difference between the  $\lambda_b$ 's of connectors in general (Ref. Table 5.1.14-1 of MIL-HDBK-217D), the "W" value of the other types of connections (i.e., hsc, csr, and ww-) differ by orders of magnitude from the "W" values of the csw type. As a result, the " $W_{av}$ " obtained from the data does not truly reflect the majority of the cases.

Therefore, the following procedure is suggested based on data and engineering judgement:

Naturally, if the actual type of connection is known, the appropriate  $\lambda_b$  from Table 5.1.14-1 of MIL-HDBK-217D and, in the case of crimp connections, the appropriate  $\Pi_T$  and  $\Pi_Q$  from Tables 5.1.14-3 and 5.1.14-4 of MIL-HDBK-217 should be used. However, when the particular connection type is unknown, the wave to board (csw) should be assumed.

Then:

$$\Pi_T = 1$$

and

$$\Pi_Q = 1$$

The above formula becomes:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b \Pi_E \text{ or}$$

equivalently

$$\lambda_p = W \Pi_E$$

However:  $\lambda_b = W = .00029$  for csw type connections.

Therefore:

$$\lambda_p = .00029 \pi_E$$

Reference Table 5.1.14-2 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\pi_E$  values.

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### 1. Printed Circuit Board Connectors

The basic formula for a printed board connector is:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b (\pi_E \times \pi_p \times \pi_k)$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs.)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

$\pi_E$  = environmental factor

$\pi_p$  = failure rate multiplier (based on number of pins)

$\pi_k$  = cycling rate factor

Isolating  $\pi_E$  and defining:

$$P = \lambda_b \times \pi_p \times \pi_k$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = P \pi_E$$

The six prediction vehicles contained a total of 157 connectors. The value of "P" was calculated for each connector and an average value of P was determined to be:

$$P_{AV} = .0046$$

Using  $P_{AV}$  as an estimator for P in the above formula,

$$\lambda_p = .0046 \pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.12.1-6 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\pi_E$  values.

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m. Printed Circuit Board

The failure rate model for a printed circuit board is:

$$\lambda_p = \lambda_b \times N \times \Pi_E$$

where:

$\lambda_p$  = failure rate (failures/ $10^6$  hrs.)

$\lambda_b$  = base failure rate

N = number of plated through holes

$\Pi_E$  = environmental factor

Isolating  $\Pi_E$  and defining:

$$B = \lambda_b \times N$$

yields:

$$\lambda_p = B \Pi_E$$

The six prediction vehicles contained a total of 199 boards. The value of "B" was calculated for each board and an average value of B was determined to be:

$$B_{AV} = .0035$$

Using  $B_{AV}$  as an estimator of B,

$$\lambda_p = .0035 \Pi_E$$

Ref. Table 5.1.13 of MIL-HDBK-217D for  $\Pi_E$  values.

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III. SUMMARY OF BALLPARK FAILURE RATE FORMULAS

As a result of the analysis, the following formulas are presented:

(Ref. appropriate tables of MIL-HDBK-217D or pages of this report for  $\Pi_E$  values)

a. Capacitors:  $\lambda_p = .0026 \Pi_E$  (Ref. page 4 of this report)

b. Resistors:  $\lambda_p = .004 \Pi_E$  (Ref. page 6 of this report)

c. Semiconductors:

(1) Diodes:  $\lambda_p = .0016 \Pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.3.4-1)

- (2) Transistors:  $\lambda_p = .008 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.3.1-1)
- d. Relays:  $\lambda_p = .069 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.10-4)
- \*e. Integrated Circuits:  $\lambda_p = .14 + .007 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.2.5-3)
- f. Inductors:  $\lambda_p = .0009 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.8.2-3)
- g. Connectors:  $\lambda_p = .021 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.12.1-6)
- h. Optical Devices:  $\lambda_p = .07 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.3.10-1)
- i. Switches:  $\lambda_p = .006 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.11-4)
- j. Miscellaneous Devices: (Ref. Table 5.1.15-1)
- k. Connections:  $\lambda_p = .00029 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.14-2)
- l. Printed Circuit Board Connector:  $\lambda_p = .0046 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.12.1-6)
- m. Printed Circuit Board:  $\lambda_p = .0035 \pi_E$  (Ref. Table 5.1.13)

NOTE: The specific  $\pi_E$  factor for each particular part should be used. If the specific model is unknown, use that of a general purpose device (i.e., Group I for transistors, or Group IV for diodes).

This suggests that a "ballpark" failure rate estimate can be made knowing only the environment and number of particular part types in a system.

The General Ballpark Model can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p (\text{total}) = & .0026 N_1 \pi_E(\text{CAP}) + .004 N_2 \pi_E(\text{RES}) + .0016 N_3 \pi_E(\text{DIODE}) + .008 N_4 \\ & \pi_E(\text{TRANSISTOR}) + .069 N_5 \pi_E(\text{RELAY}) + (.14 + .007 \pi_E(\text{IC})) N_6 + .0009 N_7 \pi_E(\text{IND}) + \\ & .021 N_8 \pi_E(\text{CON}) + .07 N_9 \pi_E(\text{OPT}) + .006 N_{10} \pi_E(\text{SW}) + \lambda_p(\text{MISC}) + .00029 N_{11} \pi_E(\text{CONN}) \\ & + .0046 N_{12} \pi_E(\text{PBC}) + .0035 N_{13} \pi_E(\text{PCB}) + \text{any other failure rates not in the above.} \end{aligned}$$

\*If the quality levels are known, use  $\lambda_p = \pi_Q (.047 + .0024 \pi_E)$  (Ref. Table 5.1.2.5-3 for  $\pi_E$  values and Table 5.1.2.5-1 for  $\pi_Q$  values).

where:

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^{13} N_i$$

Where

( $N_i$  = # of components of kind  $i$  in system)

The following table provides a comparison of failure rate prediction results between the ballpark method described above and part by part detailed prediction results using ORACLE for the six systems used as study vehicles. For ease of comparison, failure rates ( $\lambda_p$ ) have been converted to Mean-Time-Between-Failures (MTBF) since

$$MTBF = \frac{1}{\lambda_p} \text{ hours}$$

The results obtained were:

SYSTEM	# PARTS	ORACLE MTBF	BALLPARK FORMULA
		(hours)	MTBF (hours)
A	1308	3,147	6,887
B	1376	12,032	4,525
C	334	17,734	33,333
*D	1579	1,029	16,313
E	5784	1,654	1,117
F	844	10,270	10,087

\*System had many user supplied fixed failure rates, i.e., not calculated in accordance with MIL-HDBK-217.

#### IV. AVERAGE FAILURE RATE PER PART BALLPARK PREDICTION METHOD

Following a less constrained concept for a Ballpark Reliability Prediction procedure, failure rates for each component part in the six vehicles were calculated using ORACLE, a sum total failure rate was determined, and this was in turn divided by the total number of parts comprising the six vehicles. The result was an average failure rate per part ( $\lambda_{pAv}$ )

where:

$$\lambda_{pAv} = .2 \text{ failures per million hours}$$



The following table provides a comparison between the average failure rate per part Ballpark Prediction procedure described above and part by part detailed prediction results using ORACLE for the six systems used as study vehicles. For ease of comparison,  $\lambda_{PAV}$  is converted to an  $MTBF_{AV}$ , such that

$$MTBF_{AV} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{PAV}} \text{ hours}$$

SYSTEM	# PARTS	ORACLE MTBF (hours)	BALLPARK PREDICTION AVERAGE MTBF (hours)
A	1308	3,147	3,823
B	1376	12,032	3,634
C	334	17,733	14,970
D	1579	1,029	3,167
E	5784	1,654	864
F	844	10,270	5,925

#### V. TRIAL APPLICATION

Two electronics communications systems whose data was not part of this analysis were evaluated according to:

1. ORACLE, a "full blown" reliability prediction according to MIL-HDBK-217.
2. The MIL-HDBK-217 Parts Count Prediction Technique, a procedure which, while less complicated, still requires substantial data about the parts making up the system (Ref. Section 5.2 of MIL-HDBK-217D).
3. The Ballpark Formula Technique, requiring environmental information and a parts count for each type of part in the system (Ref. Sections II and III of this report).

4. The Ballpark Prediction (average failure rate per part) Technique, requiring only a total system parts count (Ref. Section IV of this report).

The following systems were evaluated:

<u>SYSTEM</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>	<u>AMBIENT TEMPERATURE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTS</u>
1	*AIT	70°C	769
2	*AIT/GM	55°C-73°C	4108

\*AIT represents airborne inhabited transport, GM represents ground mobile environment.

The results obtained were:

<u>SYSTEM</u>	<u>ORACLE</u>	<u>PARTS COUNT</u>	<u>BALLPARK FORMULA</u>	<u>BALLPARK AVERAGE</u>
	<u>MTBF</u>	<u>MTBF</u>	<u>MTBF</u>	<u>MTBF</u>
1	6333	3620	13,333	6490
2	2249	1831	2,222	1217

NOTE: All MTBF's are in units of hours

The results obtained from all three shortcut prediction methods all appear to be between one half and twice the value of the ORACLE prediction. One cannot necessarily conclude that one shortcut technique is better than the others. Therefore, a suggested procedure for using these techniques is:

(1) When no other data except for total parts count is available, use the Ballpark Average Technique based on .2 failures per million hours per part.

(2) When additional data such as environments and a parts breakdown are available, use the Ballpark Formula Technique and the Ballpark Average Technique, and then average the two results.

(3) When adequate data is available, the Parts Count Prediction Technique should be used in addition to the other two and an average of the three calculated.

(4) When detailed data concerning electrical stresses and operating conditions is available, a detailed analysis exercising the models contained within MIL-HDBK-217 should be performed.

Following (3) above, whereby calculating an average for the three shortcut methods, yields the following results:

<u>SYSTEM</u>	<u>ORACLE MTBF</u>	<u>SHORTCUT AVERAGE MTBF</u>
1	6333	7815
2	2249	1757

From this, one can see that the results are quite reasonable and "in the Ballpark". Therefore, the procedures described above have the potential for becoming a valuable tool for estimating reliability figures in preliminary phases of design and in the absence of detailed system operating characteristics. Future studies are being carried on to further validate and verify the results.

## APPENDIX A

### PART TYPE CODES

The following part type codes were utilized throughout this report.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PART TYPE</u>
1 cap	capacitor
2 d--	diode
3 ic-	integrated circuit
4 pbc	printed circuit board connection
5 res	resistor
6 csr	reflow solder connection
7 ind	inductor
8 ry-	relay
9 zd-	zener diode
10 xr-	transistor
11 opt	optical device
12 pcb	printed circuit board
13 hsc	hand soldered connection
14 cbk	circuit breaker
15 ww-	wirewrap connection
16 csw	solder, wave to boards
17 inc	incandescent lamp
18 fus	fuse
19 xtl	quartz crystal
20 hyb	hybrid
21 sw-	switch
22 vd-	varacter giode
23 mis	miscellaneous

APPENDIX B  
FAILURE RATE DATA

The following failure rate data was collected for each of the 6 systems:

1. SYSTEM A - GROUND FIXED ENVIRONMENT

<u>PART TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL FAILURE RATE</u>	<u>FAILURE RATE/PART</u>
cap	299	6.889	.023
d--	54	.568	.0105
ic-	216	251.7	1.032
pcb	23	1.05	.0456
res	203	8.889	.0438
csu	366	.159	.0004
ind	2	.0537	.02685
ry-	118	.954	.814
zd-	167	.624	.4765
xr-	13	.633	.63
opt	12	28.32	2.36
mis	105	102.80	.98
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1308		420.61	.32

## 2. SYSTEM B - NAVAL SHELTERED ENVIRONMENT

<u>PART TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL FAILURE RATE</u>	<u>FAILURE RATE/PART</u>
1c-	1306	54.7700	.0419
pcb	9	22.5300	2.5000
pbc	18	.9024	.0500
cap	33	1.8860	.0570
csr	9	2.7010	.3000
res	1	.3190	.3190
	1376	83.1100	.0604

## 3. SYSTEM C - GROUND MOBILE ENVIRONMENT

<u>PART TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL FAILURE RATE</u>	<u>FAILURE RATE/PART</u>
1c-	74	7.546	.1020
pcb	13	.04904	.0004
cap	57	6.516	.1143
con	23	7.398	.3217
hsc	14	16.11	1.1507
inc	1	1.0	1.0000
res	130	.06679	.0005
fus	3	.3	.1000
ind	13	15.72	1.2092
ry-	6	1.686	.2810
	320	56.39	.1762

#### 4. SYSTEM D - NAVAL SHELTERED ENVIRONMENT

<u>PART TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL FAILURE RATE</u>	<u>FAILURE RATE/PART</u>
pcb	74	.09694	.00131
cap	367	296	.8065
d--	77	34.43	.447
fus	1	.1	.1
xr-	102	487.1	4.78
zd-	67	69.27	1.034
cbk	7	14.0	2.0
res	814	40.49	.0497
ic-	63	29.37	.466
xtl	1	.2	.2
hyb	2	.056	.028
pbc	4	.792	.198
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	1579	971.905	.6155

# 5. SYSTEM E - AIRBORNE UNINHABITED FLIGHT ENVIRONMENT

<u>PART TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL FAILURE RATE</u>	<u>FAILURE RATE/PART</u>
cap	2057	102.3	.0497
csw	63	61.30	.973
d--	470	27.01	.057
hyb	92	113.6	1.22
ic-	867	196.7	.227
pbc	128	3.215	.025
pcb	66	3.140	.048
res	1799	26.05	.0145
ry-	31	13.96	.450
xr-	76	23.95	.315
xtl-	23	4.582	.199
zd-	41	3.998	.098
opt	3	.4126	.138
cbk	2	4.000	2.0
con	54	11.46	.212
inc	4	4.000	1.0
sw-	6	3.405	.5675
vd-	2	1.452	.726
5721		604.54	.1057



# 6. SYSTEM F - GROUND FIXED ENVIRONMENT

<u>PART TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL FAILURE RATE</u>	<u>FAILURE RATE/PART</u>
cap	235	1.457	.0062
cbk	25	50.00	2.0
d--	22	.1846	.008391
pcb	14	.09893	.0070664
res	99	1.50	.01515
ww-	14	.02890	.0020642
zd-	1	.01200	.012
lc-	413	43.16	.1045
opt	1	.07410	.0741
con	26	.1115	.0043
csw	1	.0456	.0456
hyb	1	.396	.396
hsc	1	.234	.234
psc	7	.1099	.0157
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	844	97.39	.1154



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